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Constantinople, July 26.

WE have received an Account from *Scio*, that the *Sieur du Quesne*, who Commands a Squadron of French Men of War, having met with seven *Tripolins*, gave chase to them; that they to avoid engaging with him, got into the Port of *Scio*, and put themselves under the Protection of the Castle there; That the *Sieur du Quesne* pursued them thither, and came to an Anchor within shot of the Castle, that having continued several days in that posture, and divers Messages having past between him and the Captain of the Castle, and the Commander of the *Tripolins*, on the 13th Instant the *Sieur du Quesne* sent in his Boats and Fireships, under the protection of some of his lightest Frigats, who set fire to the said *Tripolins*, and to two Prizes they had with them, and burnt them; that the Castle gave them all the assistance it could, and fired upon the French Ships, who on the other side were not idle, but bestowed a great number of Shot upon the Castle, as well as the Town, and did very considerable execution, beating down several Houses, and killing many of the Inhabitants, &c. The Grand Vizier being informed hereof, was much incensed, and presently sent a Gally with a *Bassa* to *Scio*, to take an exact Account of the damage the Town and Castle has sustained, with an Order to bring the Head of the Captain of the Castle, for not having better defended the *Tripolins* that were under his Protection. In the mean time the French Ambassador here sent to desire a private Audience of the Grand Vizier, that he might acquaint him with the Truth of things, and the Reasons the *Sieur du Quesne* had to act as he did, but the Grand Vizier answered, That he had sent to *Scio* to be informed, when he was, he, the Ambassador should hear from him; and in the mean time, that he should keep him where he was. We must tell you in our next, the consequences this action has, which makes a great deal of noise here.

The 22 Instant arrived here the Lord *Shandois*, Ambassador from His Majesty of Great Britain, who comes to relieve his Excellency Sir *John Finch*, who has resided here, the usual term, with that Character.

Vienna, Sept. 17. On Monday last Signior *Contarini*, Ambassador from the Republick of Venice, made his publick Entry here; and the next day his Excellency went for *Ebersdorf*, where the Imperial Court now is. From *Hungary* they write, that Count *Tetkeley* was joyned with a body of Turks, that they had Besieged and Taken *Besfermin*. and had Plundered *Waradin*.

Cologne, Sept. 26. The Treaty for composing the Affairs of *Liege*, seems quite broken off, and the Deputies of *Liege* are gone home.

Hague, Sept. 30. The States of *Holland* are again

separated. Yesterday the States-General had before them the Matter of the differences between this Province and that of *Zealand*, concerning the Impositions that each Province has laid upon Goods coming from the other, which it's hoped they will accommodate, because of the disturbance this misunderstanding gives to the Commerce between these two Provinces. Sir *Gabriel Sylvius*, Envoye Extraordinary from the King of England to the Princes of *Luxemburg*, passed some days since through this place, in his way to *Zell*. We know not what to say of the Affairs of *Liege*, for every day some new accident happens, that renders the endeavours of the Imperial Commissioner, and others that are labouring at *Cologne* to bring things to a composition, fruitless.

Brussels, Sept. 27. The Prince of *Parma* our Governor, has demanded an extraordinary Supply of the States of *Flanders* for the year ensuing, which it's believed they will Grant. The Nations of this City have declared their willingness to give twice the 20th penny, which they say will raise a Million and a half within this Province, and have sent Deputies to acquaint his Highness therewith; and we are told that his Highness has accepted of it; So that now there wants nothing but his Highnesses return hither to remove the misunderstandings that have been between his Highness and the Commons of this City, who are sensible how much they suffer in their Trade by the Courts absence. On Sunday night the French Kings Lieutenant of *Tournay* came hither, and the next Morning went for *Antwerp*, to Demand, as we hear, satisfaction of his Highness for a Robbery committed some Months since near *Metz*, upon a French Merchant, who was robbed to the value of 1500 Pistols, as is pretended, by some Soldiers of the Garrison of *Luxemburg*; and at the same time we hear the French have put all the Villages belonging to that Garrison under Military Contribution, and have carried away all their Cattle by way of Reprizal.

Brussels, Sept. 30. The States of *Flanders* have granted his Highness 18000 Rations a day, at five *Sivers* the Ration, for the maintaining the Troops the ensuing year. The Commons of this City have likewise consented to the Imposition of twice the 20th penny, which will raise a considerable Sum; whereupon his Highness has resolved to return hither, after he has been to visit the several Forts upon the *Schelde*. The Affairs of *Liege* are not yet settled, nor do we know what will become of them. From *Luxemburg* they write, that their Governor the Prince of *Chimay* had sent away the four Regiments of Horse that were in Garrison in that City, for that they were no longer able to subsist there, the French not permitting any Forrage, or Provisions to be brought thither. We are told that the Prince of *Parma* declared to the Lieutenant of *Tournay* (who we said in our last was gone to *Antwerp*) that if the French should ever pretend again to bring their Troops to quarter in *Flanders*, he was resolved